(b) the reasons for shortfall and the steps being taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) A Statement showing the monthly targets and actual production of SAIL in respect of Hot Metal, Ingot (Crude) Steel, Saleable Steel and Pig Iron for the years 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 is enclosed as Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXIV, Annexure No. 7].

(b) The major reasons for shortfall in production were the deficiencies in coal and power supplies, both qualitative and quantitative; besides industrail relations problems and deteriorating health and equipment also played a part. Among the corrective steps taken in this connection are the constant interaction with suppliers of idigenous coal and power better management of imports of good coking coal, increased captive power generation, modernisation and better maintenance of plant and equipment and inculcation of better work discipline.

Modernisation of Indian Iron and Steel Company

334. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up an expert committee to short-list various private sector companies for participating in the revival-cum-modernisation of the Indian Iron and Steel Company;

(b) if so, the details of the terms of reference thereof; and

(c) by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have constituted a Committee of Experts on 11.6.1992 to:—

(i) obtain and evaluate offers for participation and to negotiate with the parties, keeping in view the guidelines given by the Government, from time to time;

(ii) recommend the party and the related terms of participation, with prioritisation if necessary; and

(iii) suggest other conditions including financial restructuring, to achieve the stated objective.

(c) The Committee is expected to submit its recommendations by November, 1992.

Creation of Hindi Posts in C.P.W.D.

335. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in creating the minimum number of Hindi Posts by various subordinate offices under C.P.W.D. in accordance with the standard norms laid down by the Official Language Department in 1981 and 1989 in this regard;

(b) the details of promotional prospects of employees to such posts and the number of Hindi Officers working in various subordinate offices of CPWD;

(c) the measures proposed to be taken to ensure creation of minimum number of Hindi posts in these offices;

(d) the responsibility fired for delay in creation of Hindi posts violation of norms laid down by the official Language Department; and

(e) the steps taken towards formation of cadre in promotional avenues for such posts in subordinate offices of CPWD despite repeated instruction of Official Language Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e) A perposal for creation of posts for Hindi work as per norms has been formolated

However, additional details called for by Integrated Finance had to be collected. At present only 58 number of Junior Hindi Translators are available in the subordinate officers of CPWD. Promotional Avenues for these Junior Hindi Translators would be available only after posts in higher categories are created. The question of cadre formation will also arise after sufficient number of posts are created. As the issue of creation of posts has been under consideration of Government, the question of fixation of responsibility for delay does not arise.

Ban on use of timber in construction of buildings

336. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have banned or propose to ban the use of timber in construction of buildings by C.P.W.D. if so, the quantity of timber likely to be saved as a result thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to ask the State P.W. Department and private builders also to do the same;

(c) if so, the details of the proposals; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Guidelines already exist for use of alternative substitute materials for conserving wood with a view to completely eliminate use of wood or reduce use of wood to the maximum extent in construction projects, it is proposed to consider substitute items of acceptable standard and durability available for different purposes, and thereafter issue orders for use of such substitute items from 1st April 1993. Since the quantity of wood likely to be saved cannot be assessed accurately at this stage, it is premature to indicate the likely savings of wood by use of substitute items.

(b) to (d) It is also proposed to bring this matter to the notice of all the State Governments for adoption by their construction Deparments. The State Governments can consider incorporation of suitable provision in the Building Bye-Laws of the local for substitution of wood by alternative material.

Non-availability of Application Forms for Conversion of Leasehold Land into Freehold

337. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state.

(a) whether brouchures containing application forms for conversion of lease hold land into freehold are not easily available;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to make them easily available;

(c) whether any time limit has been fixed to dispose of applications by the DDA;

(d) if so, the time limit fixed in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No Sir. The brouchures are easily available through all the designated branches of the banks. No complaint about non-availability of brouchures have been received.

(b) Does not arise in view of part (a) above.

(c) to (e) The applications for conversion are to be disposed of by lease